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1. (Amended) A magnetic bearing assembly, comprising:
a magnetic portion connected to a shaft and a base for generating a radially repulsive magnetic field and an axially repulsive magnetic field, wherein said magnetic portion includes an upper magnetic portion and a lower magnetic portion which are disposed symmetrically in opposite orientations respectively; and
a bearing portion connected to said shaft and said base for supporting said shaft upon rotation of said shaft.

4. (Amended) The magnetic bearing assembly according to Claim 1, wherein [said upper magnetic portion and said lower magnetic portion are disposed symmetrically and] each of said upper magnetic portion and said lower magnetic portion includes a first magnetic ring, a second magnetic ring and a third magnetic ring.